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SUBJECT: DEMARCHE ON ARABSAT BROADCASTING OF AL-ZAWRAA TV

REF: A. SECSTATE 14149

[1](#)B. ABU DHABI 0008

Classified By: DCM Martin R. Quinn, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) On February 8 DCM expressed U.S. deep concern about "Al Zawraa" to MFA Acting U/S Tariq Al Haidan, who was already well informed on the Iraqi pro-insurgency station's activity. Al Haidan took points on board but said the U.S. must deal with station owner Misha'an Al Juburi, member of Iraqi parliament who has fled to Syria. Al Haidan thought the station had been closed down in Iraq but then began broadcasting on Arabsat following Al Juburi's flight.

[1](#)2. (C) Although finding the broadcast material personally repugnant, Al Haidan said that reaching Arabsat ownership consensus to remove Al Zawraa would be challenging since UAE has only a 4.66% interest in the satellite. (See reftel B.)

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